



THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS

October 25, 1962

Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit a reply from the President of the United States to your message to him of October 24:

"I deeply appreciate the spirit which prompted your message of yesterday.

"As we made clear in the Security Council, the existing threat was created by the secret introduction of offensive weapons into Cuba, and the answer lies in the removal of such weapons.

"In your message and your statement to the Security Council last night, you have made certain suggestions and have invited preliminary talks to determine whether satisfactory arrangements can be assured.

"Ambassador Stevenson is ready to discuss promptly these arrangements with you.

"I can assure you of our desire to reach a satisfactory and peaceful solution of this matter."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Adlai E. Stevenson

His Excellency  
U Thant,  
Acting Secretary-General  
of the United Nations.

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ACTION:

Following is approved text letter to Acting Secretary General U Thant from Ambassador Adlai Stevenson:

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INNER NOTE

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END INNER NOTE

Accept, etc.

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classification approved by:

3/3 - Mr. Rogers RUSK

S/Admiral Stevenson  
 The Under Secretary  
 10-25-62

The White House - Mr. Bundy

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